

The Parke at Centerpointe, on Rte. 623 in Goochland County



In July, 2008, VDOT revised the Road Design Manual . Included in Appendix B, page B-40, (Subdivision Street Design Guide) and Appendix C, page C-24, (Design Data) the Department refined its policy regarding Roundabouts. Below is an excerpt of the revised language:

*VDOT recognizes that Roundabouts are frequently able to address the above safety and operational objectives better than other types of intersections in both urban and rural environments and on high-speed and low-speed highways. Therefore, it is VDOT policy that Roundabouts be considered when a project includes reconstructing or constructing new intersection(s), signalized or unsignalized. The Engineer shall provide an analysis of each intersection to determine if a Roundabout is a feasible alternative based on site constraints, including right of way, environmental factors and other design constraints. The advantages and disadvantages of constructing a Roundabout shall be documented for each intersection. **When the analysis shows that a Roundabout is a feasible alternative, it should be considered the Department's preferred alternative due to the proven substantial safety and operational benefits.***

For more information on VDOT's Road Design Manual please visit:

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rdmanual-index.asp>

Also, VDOT's Roundabout web page has a new address:

www.virginiadot.org/roundabouts